



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and that your children are refreshed and looking forward to a new school year at Bickley – it's certainly set to be a fun and busy one!

The following will provide an overview of what's to come this term:

English:

This term, we will be reading carefully selected fiction and non-fiction texts which will inspire a wide range of writing such as instructions, diaries, letters, newspaper reports and balanced arguments. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be taught along with language work. All children are expected to write in a neat, clear, joined-up style in all lessons.

Our main text in class is called 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan. Children are welcome to bring a copy into class to read along with the teacher if they wish, but this is not essential.

Maths:

As a school, we are following the White Rose maths scheme and we supplement, modify and extend this with other resources and ideas as necessary. The children will cover a range of work this term, starting with number and place value and leading on to fractions. There will be a focus on arithmetic and applying skills in a range of contexts. All children are expected to know their times tables up to 12x12 INSTANTLY by this stage, so please support this as necessary.

Foundation Subjects:

Our main topic this half term will be Ancient Egypt. We will learn about this in our history lessons, which will link to the work we do in English, as well as art and design & technology. In science, we will be learning about classification of plants and animals this half term and electricity after half term. In RE, we will be studying Christianity, including harvest and Christmas. Computing lessons will be linked to coding, using Scratch initially, and French lessons will focus on activities children do at the weekend.

PE:

As you know, we will be going swimming on a Monday afternoon for the next 5 weeks. Please make sure your child has their swimming things with them on that day. Our other PE lesson in school will be about learning to be a good play leader. Please remember that children should have their PE kit in school every day because our PE times can sometimes move due to the weather.

Reading:

We expect the children to read every day. We encourage the reading of a variety of texts such as fiction, non-fiction, poetry, magazines, graphic novels, newspapers etc. Children should have a book with them every day and record their reading in their reading diaries. It would be beneficial for you to hear your child read and discuss what they have read in order to check their understanding.

Weekly Homework:

The children will be set homework each half term which relates to our topic (Ancient Egypt this half). This could be completed either in their homework books or on paper to go on display.

In addition, children will have a set of spellings to learn each week. These will be related to one or two spelling patterns that we will have been teaching or revising that week. Children will be tested on their spellings each **Friday**.

Water bottles are essential every day, and pencil cases should be able to fit comfortably in to their personal trays.

Year 6 is a very important year and we will expect the children to try their best with their school work as well as be role models to the younger children in terms of attitude, manners and respect.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dakin and Ms Gurr

